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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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Date: January 27, 2005

RE: Reauthorization 2004 – School Food Safety Inspections

The Reauthorization Act of 2004 that amended the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has changed the food safety inspection requirements in two ways:

1. Beginning school year 2005-2006 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be required to obtain a minimum of **two** food safety inspections each school year instead of the previous requirement of one. A State or local governmental agency is still required to conduct the inspections.
 - Please note; LEAs must keep inspections on file for three years.
2. Starting school year 2005-2006 the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is required to collect and report the number of food safety inspections conducted yearly in each LEAs facility.
3. Schools are still required to post, in a publicly visible location, a report of the most recent food safety inspection, and provide a copy to a member of the public upon request.
 - This can be accomplished by posting your health inspections on your LEA website or by using a public display board.

The ADE encourages all LEAs to be proactive in communicating this new regulation with their county health department and ensure a minimum of **two** health inspections are conducted at each school site every school year.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist.

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